

SOUTH COAST CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
meeting

March 11, 1979 at 1:30 p. m.
at the
South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

PROGRAM: Ed and Betty Gay from "Cactus Ranchito" in Tarzana will present a program about Baja, California. It is one of their favorite places as well as being one of the most interesting deserts of the world.

PLANT of the MONTH: Russ Lepard will tell us about Pereskia.

Refreshments---Munchies for our meeting break will be provided by Rowena Thompson, Frances Bruce, Jackie Johnson, Maria Cohen, Ruth Lunder and Fred Rauillon. If you are unable to attend PLEASE call Anne Marie Goodwin or Verna McCarty .

Roster---Will be given out by Rowena Thompson to all members present at the March 11th meeting. Please check through your roster and call attention to any corrections immediately before they pass into oblivion. Constructive criticisms are best and most profitable, when they first come into mind. In the February newsletter a tear off was provided for information concerning your special interests of cacti and succulents. Those associated with your name may not express your likes or plant interests. With your cooperation, we may have this cleared by next years roster. THANKS!

A Permanent Name for our Annual Show and Plant Sale---Will be voted upon. Bert Muensterman met with committee at her place Thursday March 1st.

Increase in dues---Effective as of February 11th. The membership voted to increase dues to \$3.00 per individual, plus \$1.00 for each additional member (over 12 years of age) in the same household. This increase is necessary in order to cover the costs of postage and printing of the newsletter.

Up-coming CSSA Convention in May---Delegates are; Mary Belle Wallenhorst, & Stan Oleson. Alternates: Rowena Thompson & Val Oleson.

LAST MONTH: We were pleased again to meet Virginia Martin, who shared with us her wonderful slides of Australia, and New Zealand. Those slides were amazing, beautiful and most interesting. Other peoples plants and collections, along with their glass houses, made a very good program. Enjoyed by ALL.

Stu Bedwell presented a talk on Hechtia, for the February Plant of the Month, assisted by Cathy Ratner.

California Epi Center, p.o. Box 2474, VanNuys, Ca. 91404
Advertises Hechtia Glomerata as a member of the bromeliad family that will grow well in your living room, greenhouse or yard. Good in a hanging basket. Long, strongly recurved leaves with sharp hooked marginal spines from rosettes.
Leaves green on upper surface, grey underneath. Can tolerate extremes of heat and cold. \$4.50 add 6% sales tax-plus \$1.50 for postage--handling

MANY THANKS: To Warren Burton for helping with the BRAGGING PLANT TABLE, and to Karen & Norma Holley for preparation & printing of the ROSTER.

February Guests: Florance Lepard, from Lincoln, Neb. We also welcomed friends from the Long Beach & San Gabriel Valley Cacti Clubs-Jacques and Lillian deTisne, Irene Cuevas, and M. Reid.

* Personnel at the Gardens requests that all individuals attending our monthly meetings enter and exit through the main gate. So be sure to have your membership card with you so that you will not have to pay to enter.

Three tribes of cacti are named by modern taxonomists: Pereskiaeae, Opuntieae, and Cereaeae. All are members of Cactaceae family. The pereskias are often singled out because of their distinct appearance. Their growing requirements are warmth and plenty of water from spring to autumn, but allow soil to dry between waterings in winter. (they will not tolerate temperatures below 50F., leaves will drop) They will succeed in almost any reasonable soil. They are at their best when given plenty of root room. Pereskias are basically undemanding small trees, shrubby or climbing vining plants. Pereskia bleo (wax rose of Panama) Tree-size habit reaching 15' or more. Rose colored flowers. May be used as understock for grafting epiphyllums. Pereskia guamacho also grows as a little tree up to 16' high. Bark and branches are yellowish-green, old areoles stand out like small knobs filled with brown felt and rigid spines. Flowers are yellow and close at night. The trunk grows up to 15" in diameter and is used for wood. Pereskia aculeata (lemon vine) also known as the Barbados Gooseberry, eaten throughout the West Indies. This pereskia is most widely cultivated. It has a sprawling, vining habit. Tiny but showy, strongly lemon cented flowers are white, yellow and sometimes pink. Leaves are cooked as a pot herb in Brazil. This species was grown in the Royal Gardens at Hampton Court before 1696.

Altogether there 19 species of Pereskiaeae. First one being Pereskia Pereskia Others being P. conzattii, P. corrugata, P. grandifolia, and P. guamachio

Propagation is generally by seed but root easily from cuttings taken in warm weather and placed in water.

The primitive, leafy pereskias appear to be the last link between cacti as we recognize them today. Like other cacti, they have both areoles and spines straight ones for protection and hooked ones for climbing. Because of their thorny woody stems and sprawling habit, they resemble rose bushes. Often used as living fences or hedges to keep livestock in, and as a rootstock for grafting ornamental epiphytic cacti.

Sources of information--Buttin and Rose (years old)

- Newer books--Cacti/Venning (a Golden Guide)
Cacti and Succulents/Kupris (a DellPurse Book)
Popular Exotic Cacti in Color/ Edgar and Brian Lamb
Cacti and Succulents for Modern Living by Merchants PublishingCo..
Cactus and Succulents (a Sunset Book)

Abby Garden, 176 Toro Canyon Rd., Carpinteria, Ca., 93013, advertises Pereskia aculeata--can make a good hanging basket plant, spines are hidden \$2.25 among leaves. The first leaves are green turn yellow with age and finally, if kept in fullsun, turn deep pink with purple undersides.

Pereskia humboldtii -- \$2.25

Pereskia pititache --- \$3.75

Add sales tax calif. 6%
and Shipping and handling 10%

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South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
Regular Meeting, March 11, 1979
Marybelle Wollenhorst, President

- 8 - Our meeting opened at 1:30.
- Promptness prize was won by Joyce Dews, Lithops.
- 12 - Guests: Harriet Mentun, M.K. Daily, D.E. Bobrois, Patty and Jennifer Mentune, Ed and Betty Gay, Jack Hughes. Florence Lepard, Helen Pickett and Eloise Loomis and M.E. Workman.
- Betty Causey has lost almost all of her Eye sight.
- We got the screen for the Club House. Helen Pickett excepted it
Bragging plants were brought in by; Jack Wadleigh, Pat Hughes
Rowena Thompson, Bert Munsterman, Ed Hancock, Mr Christenson,
Frances Bruce and Warren Burton.
- Karen introduced our speakers: Ed and Betty Gay speaking on thier trip to Baha California.
- Affiliate Chairman report: Stan Oleson still has registration forms for the C.S.S.A. Convention.
- Center form goes to Virginia Shambeau. , San Gabriel Calif. 91775.
- Have lots of plants for sell in the Georgian Room. Joyce Tate will have a display of diffierent uses of Cactus.
- Connie Miche will have an Art display. Stan Oleson will have his Living pictures.
- Anyone wishing to help out on the show get in touch with Virginia Shambeau. Mildred titmus on transportation.
- Ed and Betty Gay in Tarzana, on Topica Drive.
- ~~John Dews built.~~
- deought for* - Our thanks go to John Dews for building the very fine cabinet for our library. A motion was made to pay John \$30.00 for ~~his fine workman ship~~ on the cabinet. Motion passed.
- A drawing was held to give away a few Pachycereus Pringli. Ed and Betty Gay brought them to our meeting.
- Marybelle Wollenhorst, Carol Kennedy, Virginia McNeal, Bert munsterman Rowena Thompson, Ed Hancock, Karen Holley, Stan Oleson, Warren Burton Anne Schottle, Rosemary Koffman, Verna McCarty, Jack Wadleigh, Mnne Marie, Val Oleson. Don't forget to bring finger foods to our Birthday party.
- Treasurers Report; We have \$1304.99 in the treasury.
- New Business; We will have no place to meet on June 2, The bromiliad Show is on that date. A motion was made and passed to cancel our June Meeting.
- We are trying to get the show schedule changed to our regular meeting date in May.
- Plant of the Month: Russ Lepard gave an interesting talk on Pereskia There are 19 species in all according to Britton and Rose. Propagation is with cuttings and by seeds. You can root cuttings in water. Native of Mexico.
- Long Beach Club will meet at Long Beach State University in Long Beach. Be sure and get your tickets for the Plant Table Drawing.

Carol Kennedy
Secretary